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1. INDOCHINA

VN APPLIES FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. PERMANENT OBSERVER REPRESENTING HANOI SENDS LTR TO SECGEN; UNSC WILL MEET SOON TO CONSIDER APPLICATION (NYT SPEC 8/21). DOS' HABIB INSTRUCTS US OFFICIALS MAKE NO COMMENT ON VN APPLICATION. OTHER UN MEMBERS EXPECTED SUPPORT APPLICATION (WP 8/21; AP, SUN 8/21). US VETO OF APPLICATION EXPECTED. OBSERVERS PREDICT PRES FORD WOULD NOT PERMIT HANOI ENTRY INTO UN AS LONG AS MIA QUESTION UNRESOLVED (AP, SUN 8/21).
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VNNA SAYS HALF-MILLION FROM SAIGON AREA TO BE RESETTLED IN NEW ECON ZONES IN FORMER NVN PROV SONGBE (WP 8/21).

2. THAILAND

STUDENTS, WORKERS STAGED PROTEST RALLY AGAINST PRAPHAS RETURN THAMMASART U 8/21; UNIDENTIFIED GROUP ATTACKED, POLICE ARRIVED BUT DID NOT INTERVENE. RIGHTIST TECH STUDENTS, PARAMIL SHOCK TROOPS PRESUMED RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK IN WHICH 1 KILLED, 38 INJURED. MEASURE CALM RESTORED AFTER GOVT OFFICIALS MET WITH STUDENT LEADERS; HEAVY RAINSTORM HELPS (WP 8/22; AP PIC 8/22 IN SUN, NYT). ANDELMAN (NYT 8/22) DESCRIBES RIOT, CRISIS FOR SENI GOVT. NOTES MONSOON RAINS HAVE DEFUSED SEVERAL TENSE SITUATIONS DURING PAST WK. HEARS HINTS COMPROMISE BETWEEN RIOTERS, GOVT. STATES REAL MOTIVE PRAPHAS RETURN UNCLEAR, WITH SOME BELIEVING MIGHT HAVE BEEN TO PROVOKE LEFT, GIVE MIL EXCUSE TIGHTEN HOLD ON GOVT.

PRAPHAS LEAVES THAILAND 8/22, RETURNS TO TAIWAN EXILE (AP NYDN, CSM, SUN). EX-STRONGMAN MIGHT GO OTHER COUNTRY AFTER COLLECTING BELONGINGS (CHITRIB). US OFFICIALS SAY PRAPHAS CAN ENTER US AS TOURIST, BUT PROBABLY WOULD NOT RECEIVED POL ASYLUM IF HE REQUESTED (WP). ANDELMAN (NYT) NOTES PRAPHAS DEPARTURE ENDS SENI GOVT'S MOST SERIOUS CRISIS SO FAR. GIVES STUDENTS RIOT TOLL AS 2 KILLED, 40 INJURED; SAYS STUDENTS CALLED OFF PROTEST FOLLOWING DEPARTURE. REPORTS PRAPHAS TALKED INTO LEAVING BY MIL MEMBERS GOVT.

3. BURMA

NYT REPORTS CAPT OHN KYAW MYINT, ACCUSED AS LEADER CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE NE WIN, ASKED AMB OSBORN FOR ASYLUM JUL 2. AMB TOLD GOVT MAN CLAIMING TO BE OFFICER REQUESTED ASYLUM; GUB SAID EMBASSY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HAND HIM OVER. AMB DID NOT IDENTIFY MAN, WHO CHOSE LEAVE AMB'S RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND. MAN NOW IN PRISON, FACES TRIAL FOR LIFE. LOCAL DIPL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNITY AGREES WITH US VIEW THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE GRANT CAPT ASYLUM SINCE NO WAY LEAVE BURMA.

4. CHINA

NEW EARTHQUAKE STRUCK CENTRAL CHINA, 930 MILES NW OF HK, JUST W OF CHUNKING IN SZECHWAN PROVINCE EARLY 8/22. US GEOL SURVEY SAID QUAKE MEASURED 6.5; DAMAGE BELIEVED SLIGHT AS AREA SPARSELY POPULATED (UPI NYDN; CHITRIB; PHINQ). PRC OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN CASUALTY FIGURES FROM EARLIER QUAKE TO SEVERAL FOREIGNERS; SAY APPROXIMATELY 100,000 DIED IN TANGSHAN ALONE (REUTER SUN 8/22, CSM).

RHODESIAN BLACK NATLIST SPOKESMAN, BELONGING TO SOVIET-

BACKED PEOPLES' UNION, CHARGED THAT PRC MIL INSTRUCTORS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN SURPRISE ATTACK LAUNCHED BY PRC-SUPPORTED NATLIST UNION ON THOSE FROM HIS FACTION IN WHICH 21 PEOPLES' UNION SUPPORTERS KILLED, 28 OTHERS MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD. NO REPLY GIVEN FROM PRC OR NATLIST UNION (OTTAWAY, WP).

220-MEMBER AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ROC PRESENTED POSITION PAPER TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI, FOR FORWARDING TO DOS, WHICH STATED THAT US DEF TREATY W/TAIWAN CENTRAL TO US ECON SURVIVAL THERE. CHAMBER ASKED USG STUDY HOW LONG LIST ECON RELS COULD BE CONTINUED IN ABSENCE FORMAL DIP TIES. AMONG MAIN ISSUES ARE CONTINUATION MFN STATUS, EX-IM BANK LOANS, LEGAL PROTECTION FOR US INVESTORS, SUPPLY NUKE FUEL FOR POWER PLANTS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IF ISSUES CANNOT BE RESOLVED, CHAMBER FEELS NORMALIZING RELS W/PEKING NOT WORTH PRICE (NYT SPEC 8/22).

ACCORDING PEKING DIPLOMATS, PRC'S REPORTS ON THIS SUMMER'S GRAIN HARVEST INDICATE RELATIVELY SMALL INCREASES IN PRODUCTION. REPORTS ARE VITAL INDICATOR NATION'S ECON HEALTH; WERE MORE RESTRAINED THAN THOSE FROM PREVIOUS YRS (REUTER NYT 8/21).

5. INDONESIA

FRETILIN RADIO SAYS ITS TROOPS RECAPTURED 4 E TIMOR TOWNS
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FROM INDO FORCES. JAKARTA DENIES REPORTS (GLOBE 8/22).

6. PHILIPPINES

DOS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AID OFFICIAL PROPOSED USING QUAKE RELIEF AS LEVERAGE IN NEGOTS FOR NEW AGREEMENT ON US MIL BASES. DEPT'S BROWN SAID MYSTERY WHY OFFICIAL MADE SUGGESTION IN MEMO SINCE HE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR POL DECISIONS; BESIDES "DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE IS NOT TIED TO ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS" (AP 8/21 NYT, WSTAR; WP 8/21).

MARCOS SAYS PHILS NEEDS NO FOREIGN AID IN RECOVERING FROM QUAKE, TIDAL WAVES ON MINDANAO. AID OFFERED BY US, UK, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, NZ. MARCOS MADE INSPECTION TRIP, TOLD PEOPLE ARE SHOWING WORLD CAPABLE HANDLING SITUATION THEMSELVES (AP, WSTAR 8/22). MARCOS/IMELDA/CHILDREN TOUR DEVASTATED AREA. PRES PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR RELIEF, REHAB (NYT SPEC 8/21). NYT HAS UPI FOTO MARCOS ON VISIT JOLO ISLAND; CAPTION QUOTES HIM THAT HOPES DISASTER WOULD PUT END MOSLEM REBELLION. WP NOTES PRES' TV INTERVIEW IN WHICH SAID TRAGEDY MIGHT HAVE SILVER LINING, SINCE MIGHT END 4-YR MOSLEM

INSURGENCY IN STRICKEN AREA. MARCOS ADDS TOLL PROBABLY
WOULD REACH 8000 DEAD, PROPERTY LOSSES OF 140 MILLION
DOLS.

RAINS SLOW RELIEF WORK; FROGMEN SEARCH FOR VICTIMS'
BODIES (WP 8/21), RECOVER 274 SWEEPED OUT TO SEA. SO
FAR 3200 BODIES RECOVERED, 3000 MISSING, 150,000
HOMELESS (AP, SUN 8/22). PRES TELLS NEWSMEN 4000
MISSING, 175,000 HOMELESS (PHINQ).

SEIDEN (SUN) AT COTABATO DESCRIBES DESTRUCTION. TELLS
OF MAJOR CLEAN-UP JOB UNDER WAY, BUT SEES LITTLE SIGN
SO FAR OF MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT. NOTES CONTINUING
TRAGEDIES AS WEAKENED BUILDINGS FALL. SAYS MARCOS/
IMELDA VISITED AREA TO ASSESS DAMAGE, DISTRIBUTE "A
LITTLE, HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED" RELIEF MONEY/GOODS.

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CONF REPORT SAYS WAR MAY BREAK OUT IN KOREA, EXPRESSES
CONCERN OVER SITUATION "CREATED BY IMPERIALISTS."
DOES NOT MENTION KILLING 2 US ARMY OFFICERS AT PANMUNJON
(AP 8/22 NYT, SUN, WSTAR). CONF DEMANDS "IMPERIALISTS"
STOP MANEUVERS TO PROVOKE WAR, REMOVE NUKE WEAPONS,
ALL OTHER MEANS OF WAR FROM SK. CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL
ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SK, TERMINATION UNC, REPLACEMENT
ARMISTICE WITH PEACE AGREEMENT (AP 8/22 WSTAR, SUN).

SUMMIT ENDORSES ESTABLISHMENT 3RD WORLD NEWS POOL TO
PROVIDE SOURCE GOVT-CONTROLLED "OBJECTIVE" INFO
(WP 8/21). PEKING SAYS SUMMIT SHOWED DEVELOPMENT OF
3YRS' STRUGGLE BY NONALIGNED AGAINST SUPERPOWERS (WP
8/22). - - '

8. MALAYSIA

ASIAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION MEETING AT KL EXPELS
ISRAEL AS MEMBER SINCE MANY ARAB NATIONS REFUSE PLAY
SOCCER AGAINST ISRAEL (AP NYDN, NYT).

9. GENERAL

PARADE MAG (WP 8/22) LISTS 38 TOP COUNTRIES BY PER-
CAPITA GNP FOR 1975; US IS 5TH, AUSTRALIA 11TH, JAPAN
15TH, NZ 17TH, SINGAPORE 22ND, HK 33RD. KUWAIT IS ON
TOP.

10. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

PM FRASER/GOV GEN KERR NARROWLY ESCAPED INJURY WHEN
POLICE FOUGHT TO PROTECT THEM FROM HUNDREDS RIOTING STU-

DENTS AT MELBOURNE/SYDNEY UNIVERSITIES 8/23. STUDENTS PROTESTING LAST YR'S DISMISSAL PM WHITLAM/LABOR GOVT; STORMED CAMPUS BLDG WHERE FRASER SPEAKING, FORCED HIM TAKE REFUGE IN HALL, THEN LATER FLED THRU WORKSHOP AND INTO POLICE CAR (REUTER SYDNEY).

AUSSIE FONMIN PEACOCK, SPEAKING BEFORE PARTY MTG IN MELBOURNE, SAID AUSTRALIA HAS "GROUND FOR REASONABLE CONCERN" OVER USSR'S MIL BUILDUP; STATED "DIFFICULTY" IN UNCLASSIFIED

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RECONCILING CERTAIN FACETS SOV BEHAVIOR WITH "SOME INTERPRETATIONS OF DETENTE" (UPI CANBERRA).

AUSSIE SERVING IN RHODESIAN PARAMIL UNIT KILLED IN CLASHES BETWEEN BLACK NATLS GUERRILLAS AND SECURITY FORCES 8/22 (AP, NYT).

CHRMN AUSSIE FON INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD SAYS GOA HAS ADOPTED NEW POLICY "ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT AS REGARDS THE NATURAL ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE." POLICY STILL PREFERS PARTNERSHIP ARRANGMENTS RATHER THAN 100-PCT FON OWNERSHIP, BUT STATED EACH CASE WILL BE EXAMINED ON INDIVIDUAL MERITS WITH NO PRESSURE "AUSTRALIANIZE" EXISTING WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES FON FIRMS. BOARD CHRMN ALSO STATED GOA EXPECTS INFLATION RATE, NOW 10-PCT AS COMPARED LAST YR'S 14-PCT, FURTHER DECLINE TO SINGLE DIGIT FIGURE BY YR'S END (KNI, SUN 8/21).

TWO ABORIGINE BROTHERS, AGED 5 AND 3, FOUND SAFE AFTER BEING LOST FOR WEEK W/O CLOTHES/FOOD IN CROCODILE-INFESTED MANGROVE SWAMPS IN N AUSTRALIA. DARWIN POLICE INSPECTOR TERMED INCIDENT "TREMENDOUS FEAT OF HUMAN ENDURANCE" (REUTER, SUN).

NZ TRYING ENCOURAGE FLOW OF MORE INVESTMENT MONEY INTO SE PAC ISLANDS. NZ PARLIAMENTARY CMTE PLANNING SUCH INCENTIVES AS GOVT LOANS TO MFRS WILLING INVEST IN NEIGHBORING ISLANDS. POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ALSO PLAY PART: OFFICIALS REASON THAT STRENGTHENING ECONOMIES IN SUCH PLACES AS TONGA WOULD TEND OFFSET ANY RISING SOV INFLUENCE (WSJ).

11. KOREA

KIM IL SUNG, IN RARE MESSAGE DELIVERED TO UNC THRU ADM FRUDDEN IN MAC SAT, TERMED DMZ INCIDENT "REGRETFUL". SAID BOTH SIDES SHOULD TRY PREVENT RECURRENCE, "WE URGE YOUR SIDE TO AVOID PROVOCATION" (WSJ WORLD-WIDE). DOS'ORDWAY SAID SUN MESSAGE DELIVERED SAT, 4 HRS AFTER TREE CUT DOWN IN DMZ. WH, DOS CONFUSED ON DELIVERY TIME. NESSEN AT FIRST SAID MESSAGE RECEIVED 8/19, UNCLASSIFIED

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DESCRIBED IT MORE AS APOLOGY; WH'S CARLSON LATER SAID
DOS VERSION CORRECT (GWERTZMAN, NYT P. 1). NYT, AP
GIVE TEXT NK MESSAGE READ TO ADM FRUDDEN.

WH'S CARLSON CORRECTED NESSEN STATEMENT, GAVE CAREFUL
CHRONOLOGY ALL EVENTS SINCE WED KILLINGS (SUN, P. 1).

ORWAY SAID MESSAGE "UNACCEPTABLE" BECAUSE "LACKED
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY" FOR BRUTUAL/
PREMEDITATED MURDER 2 UNC OFFICERS. ADMIN SOURCES
BELIEVE TENSION ALONG DMZ WILL SUBSIDE, WITH DISPUTE
EXPECTED SHIFT DIP CHANNELS. AS PRECAUTION, US
FORCES IN NEAR SK WILL REMAIN ON ALERT. NK SIGNALLED
INTENTION HALT MIL ESCALATION SAT, IN SECRET MAC
MEETING PANMUNJON, BUT AVOIDED ANY STATEMENT THAT
COULD BE TERMED APOLOGY FOR KILLINGS. CHARGED US
WITH INITIATING PROVOCATION. NK REQUESTED MEETING
SAT, BEFORE TREE-CUTTING, ACCORDING US OFFICIALS
(MARDER, WP P. 1).

ORDWAY SAID NK MESSAGE CONSIDERED "BACKHANDED
ACKNOWLEDGMENT" NKOREANS WERE WRONG IN BRUTUAL ACT
THEY COMMITTED. NOTED US "SKEPTICAL" ABOUT MESSAGE,
DOES NOT INTEND LOWER GUARD, NOR FALL FOR PROPAGANDA
PLOYS (AP, PHINQ P. 1; GLOBE P. 1; NYDN P. 2; SUN P. 1;
CHTRIB P. 1).

IN LA SUN, JIMMY CARTER CALLED KILLINGS "DELIBERATE
MURDER", AFTER SEEING MOVIES/LISTENING TAPES OF
INCIDENT. SAID PRES FORD APPEARS BE TAKING APPROPRIATE
MEASURES DEAL WITH CRISIS (SUN P. 6, WSJ;
IN INTERVIEW WITH GLOBE'S WILKIE ON PLANE TO LA P. 1),
SAID ANYTHING WE DO MAINTAIN NATL STATURE, AVOID
EXPANDING CONFLICT, ASSURE ALLIES US WILL KEEP COMMITMENTS
"WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO PEACE."

NK SUN CHARGED FORD MOVED SITUATION "CLOSER TO BRINK
OF WAR" BY ORDERING SHOW OF FORCE IN/AROUND KOREA.
SAID "FORD, THE RASCAL" MADE HIS DECISION CUT DOWN TREE
IN DMZ AFTER HUDDLE WITH "NOTORIOUS TROUBLEMAKER",
HAK (AP, NYDN P. 1; NYT P. 1; SUN P. 1).
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MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD SEOUL SAT FOR 2 SLAIN OFFICERS.
AWARDED ROK MEDALS, BY PRES PARK, POSTHUMOUSLY (AP,
SUN).

DOS DISBANDED KOREA TF SUN. TOP OFFICIAL SAID "BARRING
SOME SURPRISE" BY NK CRISIS IS OVER, BUT WE WON'T

SAY SO (GWERTZMAN).

8/22 PRESS FRONT-PAGES "MAJOR SHOW OF FORCE" BY US-LED UNC UNIT THAT CUT DOWN 40-FT POPLAR IN DMZ WHERE NK FORCES KILLED 2 US OFFICERS. IN VAIL, COLO, NESSEN SAID PRES PERSONALLY APPROVED PLAN "GO IN THERE AND CUT THE TREE DOWN". SNOWCROFT KEEPING PRES ABREAST OF SITUATION. SPOKESMAN SAID UNC WORK PARTY FELLED TREE, "GOT SAFELY OUT." NK LIMITED RESPONSE TO SHOOTING PHOTOS, BUT GOVT ACCUSED US OF GRAVE MIL PROVOCATION. NEITHER DOS/DOD GAVE DETAILS, BUT ALLIED SOURCES CONFIRMED OPERATION COVERED BY 3 B-52S FROM GUAM, F-4S, F-111S "JUST FLYING AROUND" AND 26 HELO GUNSHIPS, 300 US/ROK TROOPS. ELSEWHERE, DMZ QUIET. MIDWAY TASK FORCE EXPECTED ARRIVE KOREAN WATERS MON (WSTAR 8/22; WP 8/22).

KCNA CHARGED SUN 1 US HELO INTRUDED INTO NK AIRSPACE, "COMMITTING ESPIONAGE AND HOSTILE ACT" WHICH NOT SPECIFIED (AP, SUN 8/22).

CHOSUN ILBO SAT REPORTED 13-MIN SECRET TALK HELD PANMUNJON BY ADM FRUDDEN/MG HAN JUE-KYON, 5 HRS AFTER TREE CUT DOWN, AT NK REQUEST. SAID KIM IL SUNG RESPONSE TO UNC LETTER GIVEN. FIRST PERSONAL MESSAGE KIM EVER SENT TO UNC (WP 8/22). UNC REFUSED CONFIRM/DENY (AP, SUN 8/22)

NK REACTED ANGRILY TO PRES PARK STATEMENT FRI, THAT SK WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE RETALIATORY STEPS IN EVENT OF ANOTHER NK PROVOCATION, MAJOR OR MINOR; RODONG SIMMUNG SAID NK WOULD NOT TOLERATE SK "WHIPPING BOY FEVER," WHICH LIKE PUPPY THAT KNOWS NO FEAR OF TIGER (AP, SUN 8/22).

ACCORDING GWERTZMAN (NYT 8/22) ADMIN-OFFICIALS SAID TREE CUT DOWN DETER NK FROM INTERFERING/DEMONSTRATE US DETER-UNCLASSIFIED

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MINATION USE FORCE IF NECESSARY.

SKOREANS HAILED NEW UNC WORK PARTY CUT DOWN TREE IN DMZ. DRP SPOKESMAN PAK CHOL SAID SHOWED "AMERICAN RESOLVE" (NYT SPEC, SEOUL 8/22, P4).

ROKG SPOKESMAN SAID MON ROKG AGREES WITH US THAT NK MESSAGE OF REGRET "UNACCEPTABLE"; DID NOT CONTAIN EXPLANATION/ACCEPTANCE NK RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENT (AP, SEOUL).

BODIES 2 US OFFICERS SLAIN IN DMZ FLOWN HOME OVER WEEK-END (AP SUN, PHINQ, CHITRIB). 1LT MARK BARRETT CASKET ARRIVED COLUMBIA, SC, MONTH AFTER LEFT FT JACKSON FOR DUTY IN DMZ (AP, NYT). MAJ BONIFAS PROMOTED POSTHUMOUSLY;

CASKET ARRIVED HIGHLAND FALLS, NY SUN; WILL BE BURIED WEST POINT (AP, NYT). PHOTOS OF RITES, FAMILIES (WSTAR 8/22; SUN 8/21; SUN 8/22; WP 8/22; NYDN). SUN HAS PHOTO HS GIRLS STAGING ANTI-COMM DEMONSTRATION SEOUL, SAT.

AP WASHINGTON (8/20) NOTES CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO INCIDENT. SEN SCOTT SAID US SHOULD INSIST ON CONDEMNATION NK BARBARISM THRU PROPER DIP CHANNELS; MAKE CLEAR WE PREPARED DEFEND OURSELVES ALONG DMZ. ADDED SHOULD MAKE SURE NEXT TIME NOT AMERICANS WHO GET KILLED--PROPER SECURITY DOES NOT REQUIRE US TROOPS. SEN HATHAWAY (ME) URGED HAK WORK THRU UN TO RESOLVE ISSUE. SEN PERCY (ILL) SAID MASSIVE 600,000 MAN SK FORCE, EQUIPPED BY US, SHOULD PROVIDE SECURITY FOR US FORCES, WHICH ARE SYMBOLIC. SEN FONG (HA) SAID SENDING PLANES SUFFICIENT/PRUDENT RESPONSE. SEN THURMOND (SC) SAID ISSUE SHOULD BE PURSUED THRU UN, OTHER CHANNELS TO SECURE CONDEMNATION NK ACT. SEN JAVITS (NY) SAID INCIDENT TO BE EXPECTED ON TENSE BORDER.

12. JAPAN

LDP'S TORU HIRAI ELECTED GOV YAMAGUCHI PREF SUN, DESPITE LOCKHEED SCANDAL. DEFEATED CANDIDATE BACKED BY ALL-OPPOSITION PARTIES COALITION (AP, SUN).
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PROSECUTORS ARRESTED SENIOR MEMBER LDP, TOMISABURO HASHIMOTO, SAT. CHARGED HE RECEIVED 16,700 DOL BRIBE FROM ANA BOARD EXEC WHILE MIN TRANS (UPI PHOTO, NYT 8/22). ALSO ARRESTED TRANSP VMIN TAKAYUKI SATO FRI. CHARGED TOOK 6,600 DOL BRIBE FROM ANA THRU MARUBENI EXEC. BOTH CHARGED WITH SHAPING GOVT POLICY FIT INDUSTRY NEEDS (WSJ; YOSHIZAKI, NYT 8/22; TAKAYAMA, SUN 8/22).HASHIMOTO ARREST EXPECTED RENEW CHARGES MIKI DESTROYINN LDPBY "OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC PRUSUIT OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL" (HORVAT, WP).

MIKI MET AGAIN WITH FUKUDA (SAT) IN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT PATCH UP WIDENING POLITICAL RIFT IN LDP. CAME AS DRIVE MOUNTED SEEK NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE AGAINST MIKI, WITHIN LDP (MALCOLM, NYT 8/22). FUKUDA/OHIRA/FORMER TANAKA FACTIONS COLLECTED 271 SIGNATURES FRI OF 393 PARTY
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DIETMEN, DEMANDING GENL LDP MEETING EXPECTED RESULT IN MIKI RESIGNATION (TAKAYAMA SUN 8/21).

FRI ASAHI FRONT-PAGED 3-PG INTERVIEW WITH KOTCHIAN BY WASH BUREAUS' MURAKAMI. KOTCHIAN ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF NAKASONE IN SALE 21 TRISTARS (WSJ). SAID CALLED KODAMA 10/5/72, WITH REQUEST GET NAKASONE "DEFUSE"

CABINET CONSPIRACY DESIGNED BLOCK TRISTAR SALE. SAID WHEN MET TANAKA SECY NEXT DAY "EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT." NAKASONE OFFICE SAT DENIED ACCOUNT AS "PURE FABRICATION." KOTCHIAN ALSO TOLD ASAHI NO CONNECTION BETWEEN NIXON/LOCKHEED SALES TO JAPAN (HORVAT, WP 8/22).

PRC/JAPAN SCHEDULED OPEN NEW ROUND TALKS TOKYO THIS WEEK, ON SHARING 2-WAY FREIGHT TRAFFIC, OPENING SHIPPING OFFICES EACH OTHER'S CAPITAL (CULLISON, JOC). 9-MAN DEPT COMM DEPT MISSION BEGAN 11-DAY TALKS WITH AUTO/PART MAKERS TOKYO MON, ON ADVANTAGES USING US AUTO PARTS (CULLISON).

DEFMIN SAKATA TOLD CABINET FRI USSR HAS INTENSIFIED NAVINTELL ACTIVITIES AROUND JAPAN, HAS VIOLATED UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPANESE WATERS/AIRSPACE (AP, NYDN). GOJ PLANS NO PROTEST (AP, SUN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. KOREA

NYT STATES SYMBOLIC GESTURE OF CUTTING DOWN TREE IN DMZ WAS "MEASURED ALLIED RESPONSE" THAT DROVE HOME ESSENTIAL MESSAGE US WILL NOT BE BULLIED, OTHERWISE BE DRIVEN FROM FULFILLING ROLE AS GUARDIAN OF 23-YR OLD TRUCE. SAYS INCIDENT MAY STRONGLY REINFORCE CONCLUSION REACHED AT COLOMBO THAT "GRAVE" THREAT OF CONFLICT EXISTS IN KOREA, BUT IN NO WAY SUPPORTS "MYOPIC" NON-ALIGNED VIEW THAT PROVOCATION IS ALL ON ALLIED SIDE, AND DANGER WOULD BE REMOVED BY DISSOLUTION OF UNC. ON CONTRARY, DECLARES PYONGYANG'S LATEST BRUTE DISPLAY OF UNPREDICTABLE AGGRESSIVENESS UNDERSCORES CONTINUING NEED FOR STRONG, PATIENT US PRESENCE, PREFERABLY UNDER UN AUSPICES, UNTIL NK LEADERS ABANDON PERSISTENT DREAM OF MIL CONQUEST AND SIT DOWN TO NEGOTIATE FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT.

WSTAR (8/21) REVIEWS FACTS OF INCIDENT THAT HAK CALLED "PREMEDITATED MURDER". SEES "WAR-LIKE CHEMISTRY" OF DMZ INTENSIFIED BY CRESCENDO OF NK CHARGES US/ROK ATTACK IMMINENT. RESULT OF FATAL INCIDENT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EXACTLY WHAT NK WANTED, SINCE MIGHT INCREASE RATHER THAN DECREASE US DETERMINATION MAINTAIN PRESENCE IN KOREA. DECLARES REPREHENSIBLE ACT BY NK DESERVED SWIFT US RESPONSE IT GOT. BUT ALSO POINTED UP DESIRABILITY OF MORE PERMANENT PEACE ARRANGEMENTS, SINCE NO ONE BENEFITS FROM RECURRENT VIOLENCE ALONG DMZ.

14. CHINA

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 8/22) NOTES LAST MONTH'S QUAKE HAS HELPED CONSOLIDATE HUA KUO-FENG'S POSITION IN PRC. DISASTER REVEALED HIM FORCEFUL/CAPABLE LEADER. HUA'S VISIT TO STRICKEN AREA REPEATEDLY SHOWN ON CHINESE TV; SOME ANALYSTS ALSO NOTE CHANGE IN TERMINOLOGY BY UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH HUA IDENTIFIED IN PRESS HAS SWITCHED FROM MORE FORMAL TITL TO SIMPLY "PM HUA" -- TYPE TREATMENT REGULARLY ACCORDED ONLY CHRMN MAO.

IN SEPARATE ITEM 8/21, BUTTERFIELD TERMS HUA "PRESUMED SUCCESSOR" TO MAO, STATES FEW CHINESE HAVE CLEAR IDEA WHAT KIND OF MAN HE IS. ALSO TALKS ABOUT PEKING USING QUAKE DISASTER AS OBJECT LESSON IN CURRENT ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN WHICH PRESSES IMPORTANCE OF SELFRELIANCE. ARGUMENT BETWEEN THOSE WHO SIDE W/MAO, FAVORING IDEOLOGY OVER ECON GROWTH, AND THOSE WHO FAVOR MORE PRAGMATIC CAUSES CONTINUING, WITH HUA'S POSITION IN DEBATE UNCLEAR. QUOTES CP NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DESCRIBING TENG HSIAO-PING AS "FAITHFUL DISCIPLE OF CONFUCIUS" WHO ADVOCATED MANDATE OF HEAVEN SUPERSTITION TO "SPREAD PESSIMISTIC ABSURDITIES."

THIRD BUTTERFIELD ITEM (NYT 8/23) DISCUSSES RECENT ROBBERY CHENGCHOW PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA BY ARMED GANG. THIEVES OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED ONLY AS "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ASSASSIN GROUP", WITH NO MENTION WHAT CRIME COMMITTED. STATES THIS INCIDENT, COMBINED W/REPORTS FROM TRAVELERS THIS SUMMER, INDICATE TROUBLED/UNEASY PRC. NOTES POSTERS IN CHENGCHOW INDICATING BITTER FIGHT BETWEEN HONAN PROV SENIOR PARTY LEADER/1ST PARTY SEC LIU AND CHENGCHOW 1ST PARTY SEC CHANG OVER CONTROL PARTY MACHINERY. YOUNGER MEN WHO SIDED W/MAO DURING GPCR WON IMPORTANT POSTS; BUT OLDER OFFICIALS RESENT THEM AS UPSTARTS. EVIDENCE OF THIS TYPE STRUGGLE ALSO EVIDENT IN PEKING, WHERE PRESS HAS ACCUSED TENG OF CALLING YOUNGER MEN "HELICOPTERS." KISSINGER

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